Director, CGHS Bangalore, to submit his report/recommendations for opening of a CGHS Unani dispensary at Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has received the report/recommendations, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to open CGHS Unani dispensary at Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It has been recommended that a Unani Unit may be set up in Bangalore. The proposal is being considered for inclusion in the Annual Plan 1994-95, which is subject to adequate budgetary allocation.

697. (*Transferred to 17th December, 1993*)

Growing population of India

698. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's population, which stands at 88 crore now, is growing of the rate of 2.1 per cent annually;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it will double itself every 35 years and may become unsustainable as early as in the coming 25 years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government's family planning efforts so far have miserably failed to bring out desirable results to contain the growing population;

(d) whether the National Development Council recently made some recommendations on the subject;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) whether Government have accepted all the recommendations in toto; and

(g) if so, what are the details of steps Government have taken or going to take to curb the population growth?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to latest provisional Sample Registration System estimates (1982), the natural growth rate of population has come down to 1.9%.

(b) No, Sir. In view of the declining trend in growth rate of population, it is difficult to predict when India's population will become unsustainable.

(c) Based on Census data the annual average exponential growth rate of population came down from 2.22% during 1971-81 to 2.14 per cent during 1981-91. According to Sample Registration System estimates, natural growth rate of population has declined from 2.05 per cent in 1990 to 1.97 per cent in 1991 and further to 1.90 per cent (provisional) in 1992. The Total Fertility Rate has come down from 5.97 in 1951-1961 to 3.8 in 1990 and the IMR from 110 in 1981 to 79 in 1992.

(d) Yes, Sir. The NDC on 18.9.93 endorsed the recommendations of the NDC Committee on Population.

(e) A Statement is enclosed.

(f) The recommendations are under consideration.

(g) Several schemes are being implemented for-promoting family planning and reducing infant, child and maternal mortality rates.

Statement

Main items to which recommendation of the NDC Committee on Population relates.

(i) Strengthening of infrastructre.

(ii) Training of personnel.

(iii) Inter Sectoral coordination a grassroot level.

(iv) Involvement of Village Health Guides (VHGs) and Tradition Birth Attendants (TBAs) in F.W. Programme.

(v) Development of mechanisms fo policy formulation.

(vi) Differential Approaches.

(vii) Decentralised Planning.

(viii) Intersectoral coordination.

(ix) Strengthening administrative infrastructure.

(x) New approaches in IEC.

(xi) Monitoring & Evaluation mechanisms.

(xii) Research.

(xiii) Mechanisms for securing commitment and support of leadership.

(xiv) Role of organised sector.

(xv) Other family welfare related issues in population control.

(xvi) Financing of family welfare programmes.

(xvii) Incentives and disincentives.

(xviii) Disqualifying for elective posts if a person violates the small family norm.

(xix) Formulation of a National Population Policy.

Use of drug for migrain pain

699. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2838 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Migril, a common medicine prescribed for migrain pain impairs kidney function and causes high blood pressure: and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ban such harmful medicines?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The drug "Migril" is contra-indicated and not to be prescribed in cases of patients having high blood pressure or impaired liver or kidney functions.

(b) "Migril" is no longer manufactured in the country.

Clearance for marketing of depoprovera contraceptive

700. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether the Drug Controller has given unconditional clearance for marketting the injectible contraceptive Depoprovera;

(b) whether trial with Norplant implant has been successful and guarantee can be given that it will have no adverse effect on a woman; and

(c) whether protests from women organisations have fizzled out?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) On the recommendation of experts the Drug Controller of India has given permission for marketing DEPO PROVERA subject to the following conditions:

(i) The product shall be marketed against prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

(ii) The Marketing Company should carry out a post marketing surveillance study in consultation with the ICMR.

(b) Norplant I is still under phase three clinical trials by ICMR.

(c) A few representations have been received from some women organisations.

Standard of Indian Medical Science

701. SHR G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian medical science has reached world standard and has demonstrated capacity to set a chain of corporate health care units that will take care of the needs of the country and also foreigners that will earn the country substantial foreign exchange; and